

THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, JAN. 4, 1900.

Dr. Bachman, Dentist, north side square.

Sam Howard, of the "Fix It," has been very sick.

Homer Bassford of St. Louis is the proud father of a new son, born on New Year's day.

Wm. Steffins, the hardware merchant, has moved here from Vandalia. He is opening out his stock this week.

Rev. A. E. Burch and W. P. Bibb have been conducting a revival meeting at the Flynt schoolhouse near Gant.

Fire destroyed the residence on the A. C. Moore farm, five miles northwest of this city, last Saturday night.

The city council has declared war on the bad sidewalks of this city. "Looking the door before any other horses are stolen."

Miss Stella Steele of Laddonia visited friends in this city first of the week. She goes to make her home with her brother at Carmi, Ill.

Eld. W. H. Hook, of Mexico, has entered upon his fifth year as pastor of the Christian church at Macedonia, 6 miles north of Sturgeon.

George W. Brady and Miss Dollie Grim were married last Friday morning in this city. Rev. W. A. Hanna officiating. They will reside in Moberly.

Mrs. Jephtha Childers, aged 20, died Tuesday of this week and was interred at Littleby Methodist Church. She leaves beside her husband one child aged 12 months. Deceased was a daughter of W. H. Sims.

A stolen kiss caused the death of a Chicago girl the other day. A Missouri girl would have been more game than that; she would have hit the fellow in the mouth and her big brother would have done the rest.

Wade C. Mack, a "healer," struck West Plains a few days ago and bragged publicly that he was glad Gen. Lawton was killed in the Philippines, he had no business over there and so on. The citizens compelled Mack to get out of town.

David Hubble, an aged citizen, died Tuesday morning of this week at the home of his daughter in this city, Mrs. J. W. Lee. He had been a resident of Mexico about 45 years. He was an upright citizen and he will be missed from the community.

This is the week of Prayer; services to night at the M. E. church, South, by Eld. S. D. Dutcher. Subject: Families and Schools. Services to-morrow night at the Presbyterian church by Rev. W. A. Hanna. Subject: Foreign Missions.

The Christian Church at Maryville has resolved that it will have no more money-making entertainments, and it is said the other churches of that town are likely to follow suit. Hope they will. The churches ought to go out of the fair business.

The Wellsville post-office was entered by burglars last Saturday night. The safe was blown to pieces and \$70 in gold and silver coin and \$40 in stamps, \$47 in money orders, one registered letter and one registered package were taken. An entrance to the building was effected thru the front door by means of a crowbar.

Prof. W. H. Williams, author of the article on the fourth page of the MESSAGE entitled "Passing of the 19th Century," contrary to what we say elsewhere, was born here in Mexico, on the Wade farm, instead of "near Mexico." Also, the quotation in his article, "The sun sets on the English flag," should read, "The sun never sets on the English flag."

Mrs. Fannie Wolliver, aged 35, recently released from the Fulton Asylum, was found half frozen to death in a strawstack near Macon City last Thursday. She had wandered nearly a mile from her home. She had a mania for getting married before going to the asylum, and was an extensive patron of matrimonial bureaus. She had secured two husbands in former years by this means, one of whom died and the other obtained a divorce.

SCRAPS.

Rev. Burch Writes the "Message" Pleasantly of a Few Observations.

To the editor of the MESSAGE.
LIBERTY, Mo., Jan. 2.—Here comes the year of nineteen hundred, before we hardly realize the old year has begun. In spite of our dullness the years roll on, and the new year comes wearing its robe of spotless white and old Sol has rolled away the clouds, and miles down thru the clear crisp air and seems to say, welcome to the breathing multitudes, and good cheer to all created things.

The MESSAGE is finding its way into many of the homes of the people of Audrain, and is read with pleasure by all. We send you the subscription of Mr. S. J. Denton of Centralia. Mr. Denton is a young man of "real worth," who is a leading salesman in the firm of W. H. Winn's "Dry Goods" department.

The people of the neighborhood of the Judge Flynt school house have been enjoying the holidays in a revival meeting. We were permitted to be with them from Friday evening till Sunday evening, when there were three conferences. Miss Annie Schell and the two daughters of Judge Flynt, Judge Flynt is much honored by the people who know him. He is now ill. May he soon recover.

And here goes the children! Look at them as they trudge away from the snow, and just over the way I see the smoke curling and struggling as they were half a third time of it driving away to the cold. And here they come with their bright, happy faces tinged by the heat of old "Jack Frost".

There they come again! "The collegians." Look at them; sturdy, manly fellows. How straight they stand, and the young ladies go with their many peculiar caps; what a host of them! No wonder the sun of 1900 smiles for this merry-shurry and search after knowledge. It betokens better things for our homes and the civic institutions of our land. In all thy getting get understanding.

A. E. BURCH

Stoves at Cost.

Now is the time to buy stoves. We will have our coldest weather from now on.

I am needing money and have a lot of odd styles and sizes and second hand stoves that I will sell at cost rather than carry them over, although stoves have advanced in price 20%.

In this lot are—
Peoria Wood Heaters.
Oak Stoves (various kinds).
Hard Coal Base Burners.
Cannon Stoves.
Box Stoves.
Wilson Heaters.

V. O. P. KING.

Smallpox Situation.

E. L. Standlee, M. D., secretary state board of health, visited Paris and in his statement to the public said:

"At the urgent solicitation of the officials of Paris, I have this day, in company with Dr. M. F. Moss, attending physician, visited the quarantine hospital located at the Paris fair grounds. I found there four cases of smallpox still in bed. Total number in camp, 27. Some of this number have not had the disease and others are well, awaiting treatment preparatory to release. Only one white case in quarantine. I find the conditions favorable for a very speedy relief from the disease, and believe all has been done, and is being done, that could be done to prevent further spread."

Harry Smith, of St. Louis, is the guest of Lockridge Steele.

Mrs. L. G. Purcell and daughter Fannie returned to High Hill Wednesday.

Miss Helen Ellmore, of Huntsville, resumed her school duties at Hardin College Wednesday after spending the holidays at home.

Our Country Cousins

Spicy News from Various Parts of the County

Wesley Chapel.

Rev. Alonzo Pearson of Lonsiana filled the pulpit at Wesley Chapel last Sunday.

Obe Spencer of Rush Hill vicinity spent a few days during Christmas with the West Lickers. He rendered some violin music at the Elm Bend Literary Society last Friday night, which was highly appreciated.

Miss Effie Gregory of Piddletown visited Mrs. D. M. Price last Saturday.

A little social affair was indulged in at the home of J. E. Hixon last Saturday evening. Music was furnished by Miss Grace Hixon, Obe Spencer and D. M. Price. It brought to the memory of the old people some of their youthful days. Jesse and Miss Minnie Beasley visited their uncle, George Teague, during Christmas week.

Joe Teague bought of Bud Du-broy one steer calf. Price not learned.

Ore Beasley of St. Louis spent Christmas with his parents in this neighborhood.

Clarence Atkinson and wife of St. Louis visited the family of Jas. Atkinson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Angel of Centralia spent a part of a week with Jas. Anderson, father of Mrs. Angel.

Uncle Jack Boudurant and his son Zach were out buying calves last Saturday.

Hugh Hoar of Monroe Co. bought of Forney Dugan 400 bushels of corn at 35 cents per bushel, also 800 bushels of John Baker at 37 1/2 cents.

Ben Reaghey of Farber took dinner at D. M. Price's Saturday.

Martinsburg.

This is a glorious New Year's day.

Jeff Cornett, of Mexico, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Dilard, of Mexico, is visiting friends here.

Taylor Arnold, of Shamrock, was a pleasant visitor here Thursday.

Misses Frankie and Pauline Jones, of Mexico, are the guests of their Aunt Mrs. Dr. Taylor, of this place.

Miss Mary Edwards, of Cuivre, spent several days last week the nest of Miss Ollie Kelly.

Misses Perry, of Montgomery City, are visiting their cousin, Miss Ora Marlow, here.

Al Kelly, of Curryville, spent the holidays with his parents here.

Messrs Rodgers and Mills, of Monroe County, were visitors at the home of Henson Johnson last week.

Parties are all the rage now, there being a number in town the past week.

Miss Lucy Burnell was in Wellsville a short while Thursday. N. M. Friedman treated each of his work hands to a fine turkey Saturday night.

Fred Burnell was in Wellsville Sunday.

Miss Georgie Shumate has returned to her work after spending a week with relatives in Wellsville.

Married, at the Marlow hotel Sunday, December 31, Mr. Tate and Miss Flood, both of Callaway. Bro. Mitchell officiated. May joy and happiness be their lot.

Laddonia.

Happy New Year!

We wish the MESSAGE to continue bright and prosperous, and its readers happiness and prosperity.

Homer Adams, of Mexico, was visiting home folks here Sunday.

Miss Ida Grub, of Barry, Ill., is visiting old friends here.

Miss Eva Steele has gone to Illinois and will for the present

make her home with her brother, Doctor A. W. Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Morrey celebrated their 25th anniversary wedding day at their old home in Barry, Ill., last week.

Mrs. Doney Scobee and children are spending the week with Mrs. John Craigmiles in Barry, Ill.

Mrs. Doctor Vandeventer spent the holidays in St. Louis.

The ministers of Laddonia, exchanged pulpits during last week.

Christmas passed off very quietly. Not a Christmas tree was shown in town. The Sunday schools treated their scholars, but no demonstrations were made.

We saw two drunk men and each was pitiful looking. One was an old man that has drunk up the best part of his living. And the other a poor, one armed negro, that is industrious, honest and a trusty fellow when sober, but when drinking is noisy and boisterous. He got noisy and was arrested and fined \$17.50. We think it would be right for the man that sold him the whiskey to pay at least half the fine.

Rush Hill.

Miss Lena Petty has returned to New London to take charge of her school.

Prof. Bennett was in Kirksville last week.

Clark McCall and sister Miss Gracie and Miss Josie Smith returned to Chillicothe Tuesday.

Joe L. Smith went to pleasant Hill, Ill., Monday to sell the Hallin heaters.

James Devany left Tuesday for Commerce, Texas.

Walter Meyer, of Orchard Farm, St. Charles County, was in our vicinity last week.

Miss Stella Uzzell entertained a number of guests at her home Saturday evening.

Dr. Dugan and wife were called on Wednesday evening by a number of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinney entertained the young folks of this vicinity at their home Thursday evening. Every body was highly entertained.

Fred and Jim Simmons are building a big bridge at Sturgeon this week.

Mrs. Jack Paris and family left Monday to join Mr. Paris in North Dakota.

Theodore Hitts spent last week in St. Louis.

Ed. Feutz was here Sunday from East St. Louis.

Zeany Green, of Centralia, was the guest of John Rosser last week.

Judge Kendall was up from Vandalia the last of the week. The Judge is looking fine.

J. B. Meadows, of Batchelor, is in this vicinity on business.

Prof. McCormick, of Chillicothe, spent Sunday with relatives in our city.

Skinner.

Messrs Frank McGhee and Neil King, pupils of Kirksville Normal School, were home to spend Christmas vacation. They returned to Kirksville Monday.

Messrs Bert McGee, R. S. McDowell and H. W. DeJarnett were home from Western Dental College, Kansas City, spending Christmas. They returned to their duties Monday.

Misses E. Tinsley and Effie Bruce, of C. O. S. Fulton, spent Christmas vacation with home folks in this neighborhood.

Messrs I. R. and R. A. Bruce, of M. S. U., spent two weeks Christmas vacation here with their parents.

J. B. Stephens, our hustling mer-

chant, and family spent several days last week with relatives near Molino.

Edward Stephens and wife were the guests of J. B. Stephens Sunday.

Alex. Litrell is at present our efficient mail carrier.

A score or more parties in and about this neighborhood last week. We will name a few only, one at each of the following places:—J. D. Ellis, Tom Vandlingham's, John Seil's, Geo. Baker's. Skating party on Youngs Creek, W. H. Mallory's, Harry House Holders, John Baker's and quite a number of others.

Mrs. Asbury was in Columbia last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Linnie Proctor.

Bush cutting. A new and yet old way of spending Christmas. Jim Yeager entertained a number of his neighbors Thursday of last week in this way. That night he treated all of them to an excellent supper.

Several big dinners last week. One at Mrs. J. W. Gilpins. Turkey dinner at Mrs. J. W. Hollowsays and goose and quail dinner at Mrs. J. D. Ellis.

Prof. T. A. Craighead, of Central College, Fayette, is here the guest of friends.

Miss Abbie O'Brien, of the Warrensburg State Normal, is the guest of her parents.

Miss Minnie Berry spent Christmas week with Moberly relatives.

School began at each of the following schools Monday: Gatewood and Fox, and at Dwy Tuesday.

Frank Bruce attended the State Teachers' Institute held at Jefferson City last week.

A public sale will begin on the James Berry (deceased) place of personal property, next Thursday, Jan. 4.

Miss Katherine Vamon, of Mexico, was here the guest of relatives last week.

Frank Parker has moved his old house just west of here back on its place and has converted it into a commodious barn.

Youngs Creek.

A happy New Year to the MESSAGE and its readers.

Chess Halley has been visiting his mother at Long Branch.

Prof. Ingolds, teacher at Long Branch, spent the holidays at his home in Lewis county.

The Bryant school had a week's vacation for the holidays. This is Miss Cox's fourth successful term here.

We hear words of praise for Miss Walter of Central and Miss Budasill of Gatewood schools.

Arnold and Dowell will soon have their saw mill in Jimmie Crawford's pasture where they have contracted to cut, haul and saw about 25 acres of timber. They also expect considerable custom from farmers near.

The nicest, most valuable and appropriate Christmas gift we have heard of in this neighborhood was presented by Mrs. Wm. Sharp to her husband. It, or speaking plainer—he weighed nine pounds.

Vandalia.

Your correspondent and many friends wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Rev. J. T. Jesse preached at the Baptist church in this city last Sunday night.

The young people of Vandalia were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. M. R. K. Biggs last Wednesday evening.

Jas Farthing bought a fine coon and was to have a few friends take dinner with him to day but when the coon was delivered it turned out to be a fox. Now Jim is gunning for the man who sold him the coon.

The old fidlers made a raid on

Good Lumber...

Dr. Branstetter on New Year's night. The Doctor turned the whole place over to them. Those present were S. D. Ely and wife Wm. Lane and Bob Kieth and wife, Jesse Burnett, Miss Ira Jemison and S. E. Kendall. Jesse Burnett is not so young as he used to be, but can play chicken pie just as well as ever. Jess is always in tune. The old tunes that were played carried one back to the good old days when every body was good. Steve Ely was so enthused that he got his wife up in the corner and sparked her as of old.

Dave Pike says that he has laid up the gray face mare until Spring and has declared all bets off. Joe Glascock says that it is a long wait for a race but he will make it hot for Dave when Spring comes.

John Bell Smelser has opened a new grocery store on the north side in the Ely building.

Any one wanting Cooley dogs will call on Squire Watkins. He has one more than Mrs. Watkins wants to keep.

Will Ellis, of Elsbery spent several days during the holidays with his parents, Uncle Watt and Mrs. Ellis. Will is a clever boy and is always welcome in Vandalia.

Our people are almost unanimous on the side of the Boers in the war with England. It will take more than another century to heal the wound that England made in 1776. England has always been as the United States is today, grabbing at everything in sight, whether it belongs to them or not. Hurrah for the Boers!

Andrain Courts.

CIRCUIT COURT—3rd Monday in January, 1st Monday in June, 3d Monday in September.

COUNTY COURT—1st Monday in February, 1st Monday in May, 1st Monday in August, 1st Monday in November.

PROBATE COURT—2d Monday in January, 2d Monday in March, 2d Monday in May, 2d Monday in September.

Friends and Patrons.

I have just closed the year with the largest business in the history of this stand.

I am still doing business on the old plan and invite all my customers to call on me and those who have not traded with me, my prices are as low as anybody's and the same to all. I don't charge anything for credit. I will not refuse a good man credit and am always ready to accommodate my customers, and can say my customers have always treated me with consideration and I appreciate their trade. Truly,
V. O. P. KING.

Stock Items.

George Barrack, near Rush Hill, sold a male colt to Albert Washburn for \$15.

Hardy Doolin, on Littleby, bought eight calves from Thomas Hook for \$100.

Thomas Hook, near Rush Hill, bought a fine male colt the other day paying \$30.

Clarence Baker, on Long Branch, is feeding twenty head of extra fine mules for the market.

C. L. Bruce, of the Skinner neighborhood, shipped three cats of cut-the last Wednesday. They were on the Chicago market Friday. They were his own feeding.

Wm. Dowell, Sr., of Youngs Creek, has a car of good native steers about ready for the market. He feeds in a barn and the cattle are beauties.

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Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.

In the Circuit Court, January Term, 1900.

Thomas B. Elzea, Plaintiff,

vs. The unknown heirs of John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas, all deceased, Defendants.

Now on this day December 4th, 1899, comes the Plaintiff herein by his attorneys, and files his petition in vacation verified by affidavit, stating among other things that the unknown heirs of John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas, are unknown to plaintiff and may be non-resident of the State of Missouri.

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, that service cannot be had upon the unknown defendants in the ordinary way,

It is ordered by the Clerk of said Court in vacation that publication be made notifying said unknown defendants that a suit has been commenced against them in the Circuit Court of Audrain county, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to correct title in the east half of the northeast quarter of Section Four, all in Township 22, Range 9 West, Audrain county, Missouri, and vest the title in the plaintiff, under the Statutes on limitations, Section 6770 chapter 103, Revised Statutes 1889, and the amendments thereof and alleging further that he has no knowledge of the interest of said unknown heirs unless it be by inheritance from said John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas as child or children of said parties, and unless you the said unknown heirs of John Minor, Wm. P. Minor, Nancy Minor and Preston Thomas be and appear at the next regular term of this Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Mexico, county and state aforesaid on the 3d Monday in January, A. D. 1900, and on or before the 3d day thereof answer or otherwise plead to plaintiff's petition herein, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment rendered according to the prayer thereof.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the "Mexico Missouri MESSAGE," a weekly newspaper published in the county of Audrain and state of Missouri for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the commencement of said next term of this court.

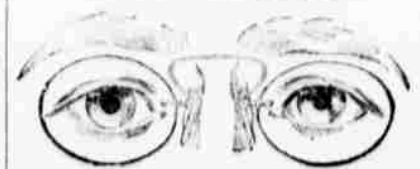
STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.

I, J. C. Buckner, clerk of the circuit court within and for the county and state aforesaid do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and perfect copy of the order of publication in the above entitled case, as full as the same now appears on record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, done at office in the city of Mexico, county and state aforesaid, this 4th day of December 1899.

J. C. BUCKNER, Clerk,
Fry & Clay, Attorneys.

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